

Dear Communications Commisioners,

Although the following is part of a pre-written message, I attach it because it clearly states my strong feelings on this matter ... You have created a situation that heralds a great hazard to our democracy and to the greater community that we share.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Further, I believe that, as beneficiaries of the use of a publicly owned resource, Sinclair has a moral and legal obligation to represent all view of responsible members of the communities they serve, not some. They should be sanctioned in some way or another for their unprincipled abandonment of the public interest.

Thanks You very much,

Friend M. Wells